

**State Water Commission (SWC) Meeting
SWC Building (SWC staff only)
900 E. Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, North Dakota
April 20, 2021 – 4:30 p.m. CT**

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AGENDA

A. Roll Call

**B. Drought Disaster Livestock Water Supply Assistance Program –
Approve Additional Funding**

**** BOLD ITEMS REQUIRE SWC ACTION**

MINUTES

North Dakota State Water Commission Bismarck, North Dakota

April 20, 2021

The North Dakota State Water Commission (SWC or Commission) held a meeting via telephone conference on April 20, 2021. Commissioner Johnson, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. A quorum was present.

STATE WATER COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Tom Bodine, Deputy Commissioner, ND Department of Agriculture, Bismarck
Michael Anderson, Hillsboro
Katie Hemmer, Jamestown
Richard Johnson, Devils Lake
Mark Owan, Williston
Matthew Pedersen, Valley City
Jay Volk, Bismarck
Steven Schneider, Dickinson
Jason Zimmerman, Minot

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Paczkowski, Interim State Engineer, and Chief Engineer-Secretary
SWC Staff
Approximately 15 people interested in agenda items.

DROUGHT DISASTER LIVESTOCK WATER SUPPLY PROGRAM (DDLWSP)

The DDLWSP was reactivated at the April 8, 2021, Commission meeting in response to severe drought conditions across North Dakota, and in support of an emergency declaration issued by Governor Burgum. Along with the reactivation, the Commission approved the reprogramming of remaining 2017 DDLWSP funds totaling \$557,277.

To date, SWC staff approved \$413,566 for 103 projects leaving a balance of \$143,711 for additional projects. Currently, 31 additional projects have been submitted for staff review.

During the 2017 DDLWSP, approximately \$1.5M was approved for 510 projects involving 366 producers. During the 2017 program, counties were gradually added as the drought expanded, which included all but eight North Dakota counties as eligible for assistance. At the start of the 2021 program reactivation, all but four counties are currently eligible. With drought conditions continuing to severely impact livestock producers, a large volume of program need is expected.

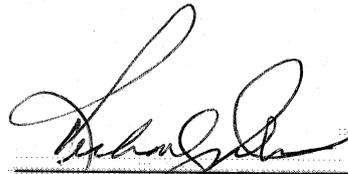
John Paczkowski, Interim State Engineer, clarified that if applications were eligible for funding when submitted, and drought status for a particular county had changed, the application would still be eligible for funding.

The following motion was made:

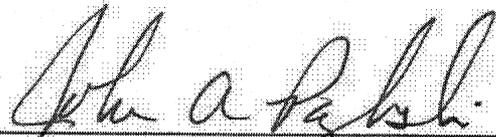
It was moved by Commissioner Zimmerman and seconded by Commissioner Bodine the Commission reprogram \$513,778 in unobligated General Water carryover funds to the DDLWSP, and approve \$1,000,000 in 2019-2021 General Water funds for the DDLWSP. This additional funding of \$1,513,778, along with the previously approved \$557,277 will provide a total commitment of \$2,071,055 to the 2021 DDLWSP.

Commissioners Anderson, Hemmer, Johnson, Owan, Pedersen, Schneider, Volk, Zimmerman, and Bodine voted aye. There were no nay votes. The motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Commissioner Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.



Richard Johnson, Commissioner
Vice Chairman, State Water Commission



John Paczkowski, P.E.
Interim North Dakota State Engineer,
and Chief Engineer-Secretary
to the State Water Commission